

## Claims

- 1 A compound library wherein each compound within the library is stored in the presence of a cyclodextrin wherein the cyclodextrin concentration is 20-200mM.
- 2 A compound library according to claim 1 comprising at least 1000 compounds.
- 5 3 A compound library according to claim 1 comprising at least 10000 compounds.
- 7 4 A compound library according to ~~any preceding claim~~ <sup>claim 1</sup> wherein the compounds are organic molecules of molecular weight of less than 2000 Daltons.
- 5 A compound library according to claim 4 wherein the compounds are organic molecules of molecular weight of less than 1000 Daltons.
- 9 10 6 A compound library according to ~~any preceding claim~~ <sup>claim 1</sup> wherein the cyclodextrin concentration is 30-150mM.
- 9 7 A compound library according to ~~any preceding claim~~ <sup>claim 1</sup> wherein the cyclodextrin concentration is 40-80mM.
- 9 8 A compound library according to ~~any preceding claim~~ <sup>claim 1</sup> wherein the cyclodextrin concentration is 45-60mM.
- 15 9 9 A compound library according to ~~any preceding claim~~ <sup>claim 1</sup> wherein the cyclodextrin concentration is 50mM.
- 9 10 A compound library according to ~~any preceding claim~~ <sup>claim 1</sup> wherein the cyclodextrin is 2-hydroxypropyl- $\beta$ -cyclodextrin.
- 9 20 11 A compound library according to ~~any preceding claim~~ <sup>claim 1</sup> in wet form.
- 12 A method of preparing a compound library as defined in any of claims 1-11 which comprises the addition of a cyclodextrin to each compound within the library and storage of the compound library in wet form.
- 13 A method of screening a compound library as defined in any of claims 1-11 which
- 25 comprises assay of at least 100 compounds from the library.
- 14 A method according to claim 13 in which the assay is selected from the group consisting of enzyme assay, receptor assay and cellular assay.